

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 have been amended, and claims 14-17 added. Claims 1-17 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections at an early date is requested.

The examiner rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 on the basis that the term “curing device and/or a further processing and/or control device” recited in those claims is indefinite. Applicants have amended these claims so that each recites only a “curing device.” The examiner also rejected claims 1 and 10 as having insufficient antecedent basis for “the fitting time.” Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to provide the necessary antecedent basis. Therefore, Applicants submit that these bases for rejection are overcome.

The examiner again rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,722,412 to Huang et al. In response to Applicants’ argument, the examiner points out that both the curing device in Huang et al. and in the present application are stated or shown to be located “above the conveyor.” However, the point of the argument and the claimed invention is that the curing device is movable in the transport direction as well as the conveyor belt. This is not disclosed by Huang et al. Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the curing device is movable in the transport direction. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider this rejection in view of the amendment and this explanation.

Furthermore, it is submitted that claims 2-9, being directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, and having been amended in response to the Section 112 rejections, should also be allowable.

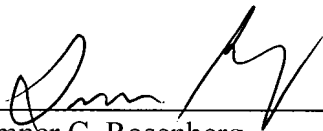
Applicants acknowledge the examiner’s indication that claims 3, 4, 7 and 9 would be allowable if the Section 112 rejections are overcome and if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 14-17 present claims 3, 4, 7 and 9 in such form, and it is submitted that these claims are now allowable.

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Applicants acknowledge the examiner's indication that claims 10-13 would be allowable if the Section 112 rejections are addressed. Applicants submit that claims 10-13, as amended, are now allowable.

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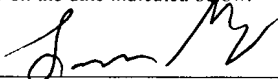


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